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OBJECTIVES OF THE SIC

1. DCI 3/3, dated 28 October 1949, establishes an interdepartmental Scientific Intelligence Committee which is charged with developing its methods of procedure. As a forerunner to the establishment of methods, it is believed necessary to outline the scope of interest of the SIC and delineate the problem with which it must deal.

2. As set forth in paragraph 3 of DCI 3/3, the SIC is charged with determining the scientific fields in which intelligence effort is required, establishing working committees of experts, providing a framework of operation for those committees, and resolving differences arising within or among the working committees.

3. The SIC is responsible for the proper operation of its working committees in carrying out the functions outlined in paragraph 4 of the directive. (Paragraph 3 and 4, therefore, indicate the purpose of the working committee arrangement; namely, to leave the working committees of experts free to get on with the substantive aspects of scientific intelligence and put the responsibility for policy, planning, coordination, and proper operation on the SIC).

4. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of DCI 3/3 summarize the areas in which the SIC must operate and point out the philosophy which should guide its actions. The objectives of scientific intelligence which are to be accomplished by the SIC then become the following:

a. To achieve coordination of the scientific intelligence effort by directing emphasis toward fields of greatest urgency and along lines which make greatest possible use of existing and planned resources.

b. To satisfy the needs of the users of scientific intelligence by disseminating well-organized, coordinated and pertinent intelligence.

c. To develop scientific intelligence so that it will make the most effective contribution to national security.

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